

## PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas R. St. Myer  
Serial No. : 09/684,729  
Filing Date : October 6, 2000  
For : STEERING COLUMN WITH  
IMPROVED HOUSING  
Group Art Unit : 3682  
Examiner : T. McAnulty  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(RG)4902  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A vehicle steering column  
comprising:

an axially extending input shaft for connecting to a  
vehicle steering wheel, the input shaft being rotatable about  
an axis upon rotation of the steering wheel;